Balconies.—A few months since you published some remarks of mine upon the generally insecure and dangerous condition of the balconies of third and fourth-rate houses, and also the easy mode of remedying the evil, by the use of cast-iron cantilevers. Lately another serious accident has occurred, through the servant standing upon the balcony to clean the windows: it gave way, and precipitated her into the area below; and though the result has not been fatal in this case, as in the former one, the poor girl is much injured, if not maimed for life. By again calling public attention to the subject, you may help to remedy the evil, and give at the same time a word of warning and advice.—Edward.

Wellington Testimonial in Phœnix Park, Dublin.—The Wellington testimonial at Dublin (which George IV. termed an "*overgrown milestone*"), is likely to have an equestrian statue of the late duke at its base. The original estimate for it in 1820 was 9,000*l.* A fund of 2,300*l.* is available, not including the deposits in Wright and Co.'s bank, which are calculated to produce 1,500*l.* Lords Hardinge, Anglesey, and Ellesmere are co-operating, we are told, with the Duke of Leinster in carrying out the undertaking. Subscriptions are being received, and several influential persons, in conjunction with those above-named, have taken the matter in hand.

Nottingham Brickmakers.—Hitherto the brickmakers in the parish of St. Mary, Nottingham, have paid a fixed rate of 4*l.* 5*l.* or 6*l.* according to the extent of their grounds; but now the overseers ask a fixed rate of 2*s.* 3*d.* for every thousand bricks manufactured, in addition to the rate levied on the surface rent. The brickmaker who formerly paid perhaps not more than 6*l.* or 8*l.* is thus now charged 30*l.* In three cases which recently came before the borough police court, the clerk suggested to the magistrate that they had no power to decide on the matter in dispute, which could only be heard at the Court of Appeal. As an appeal had not been laid, and as the time for doing so was past, the magistrates made an order for the payment of the sums claimed, with costs.

Defective Drainage in Bethnal-green.—At an inquest held on Thursday in last week, at Bethnal-green, relative to two deaths in Hart-lane, reported in the Registrar-General's last return, Mr. Moore, surgeon, said the place in question was badly drained, and quite unhealthy. He firmly believed the deaths had been accelerated thereby, as the effluvium was intolerable. The coroner intimated that if any other cases came under his notice arising from bad drainage, a full inquiry would be gone into, and the parties responsible be prosecuted and punished according to the Act of Parliament.

Yorkshire Architectural Society.—On Thursday last, the annual meeting of this society was held in the Society's rooms, Minster-yard, York, Archdeacon Churton in the chair. After discussing the reports, &c, two papers were read, one "An Historic Sketch of Pontefract Castle," by the Rev. R. Eston Batty, and the other by Mr. W. H. Dykes, "On certain Mural Paintings lately discovered in Pickering Church." Mr. R. M. Milnes, M.P. for Pontefract, exhibited some original letters connected with the history of Pontefract Castle. The society proposes to hold meetings at Richmond and Selby.

Builders' Clerks.—The agitation of the question of a little shorter time for office hours, in our columns, has excited a "lively emotion" among the class whom it interests, and some of them urge that a meeting be at once called, when the subject may be discussed and put upon a fair and considerate footing, so that it may be carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner.

St. Bride's Church, Fleet-street, has, during the last eight or nine weeks, undergone a wholesome infliction of paint and whitewash, and the inconvenient pews have been re-cushioned throughout. The propriety of such movements I do not venture to question, but it is surely an act of retrogressive Vandalism that such purifications should be heralded by the "time *dis*honoured" announcement, that "*This church was beautified*, 1852," in large gold letters on the front of the gallery, with the names of the vicar and churchwardens attached. The school-boy trick of cutting the name in every available situation seems to have animated these ambitious officials.—S.

The Lambeth Sewers.—Great complaints are made to us of the bad state of the sewers in Lambeth. Wherever you go in this ill-treated and ill-managed locality, you meet either "confined air, or air that ought never to have been at liberty."

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Bedfordshire Architectural and Archæological Society.—The general meeting of this society was held at the County Library, Bedford, on Wednesday in last week, Mr. Tabolt Barnard in the chair. Various articles of interest were exhibited. The council's report was read, officers were appointed, and other business transacted. The Rev. H. J. Rose then read a paper on "Samaritan Coins;" Rev. H. J. Williams one on the "Druidical Remains of Stanton Drew and Stonehenge;" and Mr. Wyatt one containing "Memoirs of the Bedford Corporation."

Electro-Metallurgic Ornamentation of Glass, China, &c.—Mr. John Ridgway of Cauldon-place, Staffordshire, china-manufacturer, has recently patented certain improvements. The patentee's claim is "not to the solutions for coating as such, but to the application of 'electrotyping,' or electro-metallurgy, to the objects stated in the title, provided the articles be so prepared as to allow them to combine from an alloy with them."

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